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Beirutis inspect damage from an earthquake yesterday that could be felt in Lebanon, Israel and Syria. Story, Page 12. (Reuters)

Ross to press Arafat on terror

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and HILLEL KUTTLER

US special Mideast envoy Dennis Ross is arriving today on an urgent mission to try to prevail on Israel and the Palestinians to exercise maximal restraint and avert the eruption of violence on Sunday's Land Day.



Dennis Ross. (AP)

Police prepare for Land Day protests, Page 2

President Bill Clinton said he had dispatched Ross to the region, "because I'm concerned about the peace process. We have been talking among ourselves here intensely over the last several days about whether there are some ideas we ought to advance with the Israelis and the Palestinians, and particularly what we can do to minimize the violence and to get the negotiations back going."

Ross, who this morning will be meeting Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Rabat,

effort to control the situation and act with maximum restraint on Land Day. He spoke of "lowering the rhetoric," decreasing the tension, and finding ways to reestablish the partnership.

Ross will make it clear to Arafat that he must take "demonstrable and observable" steps against terrorism, and "reverse the perceived signal for violence. Nothing will be achieved unless the PA takes back that green light," the official said.

He stressed that terrorism is totally unacceptable and cannot be a factor in the negotiations. The US has told Arafat that it is disappointed that, at a time of such stress, he is traveling elsewhere, when he should be here, he added.

He said he expects Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss his proposal to go straight to permanent settlement talks with Ross, while the Palestinians will raise future redeployment.

Only after Ross returns to Washington and briefs Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and other senior officials

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Riots continue in territories

By JON IMMANUEL

Palestinian students tried to storm Israeli checkpoints outside Ramallah yesterday, following more violence in Bethlehem and Hebron, where almost daily protests have erupted near IDF checkpoints since last Friday.

The riot developed quickly and lasted for almost two hours. Palestinian sources reported 22 people were injured, mostly by rubber bullets and tear gas.

In Bethlehem, the Palestinian Police quickly dispersed rioters who had burned an Israeli and an American flag. A protester shouting through a bullhorn said, "We will continue the struggle to stop the Judaizing of Jerusalem."

Preventive Security Chief Jibril Rajoub was on hand in Bethlehem, calling on police to separate the

protesters and declaring he was ready and able to stop violence. However, in an interview with the daily *Ayyam* newspaper, Rajoub

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said, "Security cannot be separated from politics, despite the Palestinian Authority's efforts."

General security chief Amin Hindi also said, in an interview in *Hayar al-Jadida*, that "security is influenced by politics" and that "the Netanyahu government is responsible for the situation."

The anti-American feeling in street protests was echoed in the Palestinian Legislative Council yesterday. Speaker after speaker accused the US of protecting

Israel against the condemnation of the world by its vetoes in the UN Security Council and its lone support of Israel in the General Assembly.

Council speaker Ahmed Qurie, the chief Oslo negotiator, said the problem is not limited to Har Homa alone.

"We want an American guarantee that settlements should be stopped. Everybody says there is no way to go to an agreement if settlements continue," Qurie said.

Qurie blamed Netanyahu for "creating the problem by his statements, which were a shot fired at the peace process, that the Oslo agreement allows him to continue settlements. This is a big lie."

The Fatah Higher Council, which supports the PA, but has the ear of the street and includes several members of the

Legislative Council, voted this week to continue demonstrations in coordination with Hamas supporters, culminating on Sunday, Land Day.

Meanwhile in Qatar, Faisal Husseini, the top PLO official in Jerusalem, said yesterday that Arab states should sever links with Israel to force it to move forward on the peace process with the Palestinians.

"Israel must understand all its relations with the Arab and outside world are directly connected to the peace process and the situation in Jerusalem," Husseini told Reuters.

Margot Dudkevitch adds: Last night a Japanese tourist was wounded when stones were thrown at a tourist bus near El-Fib outside Ramallah. A firebomb was thrown at an IDF jeep in the Ramallah area; there were no injuries or damage.

PM: No talks until PA combats terror

By STEVE RODAN and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying he will oppose a Palestinian state in final-status negotiations, warned Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat last night that he must fight Islamic terrorism before Israel agrees to resume negotiations with the PA.

"Anyone who wants to be accorded respect and legitimacy must fight terrorism," said Netanyahu, addressing the new International Policy Institute for Counterterrorism in Herzliya. "The Palestinians must fight against terrorism in order to return to the negotiating table."

On another issue, Netanyahu expressed concern over Iran's rearmament effort, saying, "We are convinced that Iran is developing missiles to reach Israel, then Europe, and then the US. If they achieve this, everybody's in danger."

Top IDF commanders told Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai that the PA has so far not taken any steps to curb terror, making this assessment during a three-hour meeting last night on the security situation and preparations leading up to Land Day on Sunday.

Mordechai told the forum that the high alert and expanded deployment of all security forces would continue and that the tight closure on Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip would not be lifted for now.

Mordechai ordered all IDF personnel and security officials to demand in all their meetings with PA officials that they crack down hard on terror if they want progress in the peace process.

The IDF, meanwhile, reportedly instructed residents of Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria not to allow Palestinian laborers into their settlements from Friday until Monday, out of fear of attacks prior to Land Day. The IDF Spokesman, however, would not comment on the report.

Ethiopian leaders lash IDF after third suicide in month

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and Itan

"Every morning when I get to the base, six soldiers are waiting for me who clap their hands and yell: 'The kushi [black man] is here,'" Alene Tamene, 22, an Ethiopian immigrant from Ashkelon serving in the army, told his niece on Sunday, a day before he committed suicide.

Tamene was the second Ethiopian-born soldier to commit suicide within the past 10 days, and the third in the past month. He was to complete his service in less than three months.

Molla Belay took his own life on March 14, after an army psychiatrist dismissed his pleas to be released because he felt "under pressure," following an incident in which Belay was publicly harangued by his superiors. Soldier Avraham Gideon of Beersheba committed suicide about a month ago.

When Tamene complained to his commander about the name-calling, he was told: "What's the matter, don't you know you're a kushi? What are you complaining

about?" according to Shlomo Mula, secretary of the United Ethiopian Jewish Organization.

After he gave his niece a gift for her birthday last Sunday, she asked Tamene what his army service was like.

"He told her: 'I'm having trouble in the army,'" Mula said yesterday. Mula said Tamene told her of his daily denigration by his comrades and his commander's refusal to intervene. "Then he told her: 'I'm going to kill the commander and commit suicide,'" Mula said. The IDF is still investigating the incident.

"This is terrible. I can't believe this could happen. Every week we go to funerals," Mula said, of the recent series of suicides among Ethiopian soldiers. He noted that Ethiopian immigrants make up just 0.4% of IDF soldiers, but comprise 10% of suicides inside the IDF.

Mula explained that in Belay's case, the soldier had worked as a cook, and was asked to prepare three crates of sandwiches for soldiers from the base. When he saw that he lacked enough kitchen staff, he enlisted the help of some other soldiers. Then, the base doctor, who had stopped in to do a midnight sanitation check in the kitchen, yelled at him to throw out the sandwiches, since using soldiers to "prepare them violated

sanitation codes.

Belay then got some other kitchen workers and worked through the early morning hours to get the sandwiches ready in time.

Later he complained of the shakes, and demanded some time off the base, but a psychiatrist he was sent to in Beersheba ruled he "was faking," according to Mula. "I don't understand how this psychiatrist made this determination after a half hour with him," Mula, himself a social worker and a reserve lieutenant.

Mula also denied that Belay, who lived at the Hafetz Haim caravan site, committed suicide because of economic or social problems, or a general inability to acclimate to army life. "He has a brother in a hesder yeshiva right now," Mula said, "and is one of eight brothers, four of whom were in the army. This wasn't a family that was unfamiliar with the army."

Mula added that what needs to be examined is just how Belay was spoken to by the doctor.

"The army isn't insensitive," Mula said, "but the problem is with the lower-level commanders." Mula said he recommended that the army ban the use of the word *kushi* by anyone doing army service.

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Workers protest factory closure. Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz stands opposite the Knesset yesterday with Delta textile workers from Shfaram. The women's placards read "Industrialize the Arab villages" and "Every government should provide jobs for its citizens."

Court: Send child to father in Britain

By BATSHEVA TSUR

In a precedent-setting decision, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday that a young Israeli mother who had left her non-Jewish husband in England must return their small child to the UK. Justices Michael Cheshin, Yitzhak Zamir, and Dorit Beinisch based their ruling on the Hague Convention governing the abduction of children. Quoting the convention, they said they had no choice but to "order the return of the child forthwith" to England. The father, a British citizen, had appealed to the court to order the return of the child to allow a British court to decide on custody, following a previous decision by the Nazareth District Court to grant custody to the mother. Yesterday's ruling was contrary to the opinion of psychologists, who had expressed the opinion that the child should continue to

grow up with her mother in her kibbutz. In an expert opinion, the psychologists said that "the child's return to England would expose her to severe psychological damage and would put her in an intolerable situation." The mother, identified only as Dafna from Kibbutz Baram, met her husband Adam when he came to Baram as a volunteer in January 1993. Shortly afterward, Adam left the kibbutz and went to live in Eilat, where Dafna, then 17, later joined him. When they decided to marry, they left for Sussex in England and were married by a civil registrar. They had a daughter, Kara, and lived with different relatives of Adam's. According to Dafna, Adam turned out to be a "good-for-nothing who did not want to work, used drugs, and lived off his mother's savings and social security." She told the court that he often used physical violence against her and

would leave her locked up at home while he went out at nights. During her pregnancy and when she gave birth, Dafna had wanted her mother to join her in England, but Adam threatened her and refused, she told the court. Finally, when she could no longer stand the situation, her mother arrived secretly and they left with the baby. Dafna reacted to the ruling with shock. "I feel like this is just doing a favor to another country. I am an Israeli citizen, a Jew, and I and my daughter are being extradited to a strange country where I have nothing, no means to exist," Dafna told Israel Radio. "I do not have British citizenship or a job and am dependent on Adam's whims. This is a scandal... I was kept a virtual prisoner there." She said she would not return to England. "I will fight the ruling and I'll get everyone who can to help me," she said.

Domestic violence hot line faces government cuts

By ESTHER HECHT

Just a month after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai declared their support for battered women, a drastic cut in government funding is about to snip a crucial lifeline for the victims. The Anti-Violence Hot Line, which serves 1,200 women a year in Haifa and the North, said yesterday it had just learned the ministry is reducing its annual support from NIS 500,000 to just NIS 66,000.

The hot line - a joint project of the ministry, Haifa Municipality, and several other bodies - operates 12 hours a day in Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, Amharic, and English. It has trained and pays the salaries of three social workers who help women through the city's welfare offices. Its members accompany women to the police, the courts, and the rabbinical courts.

"It means we'll have to close down," said Ronit Edeldig, who heads the hot line's corps of volunteers. According to Edeldig, the ministry justified the cut by saying it wants to reassess all the organizations that deal with domestic violence. Meanwhile, however, the number of women seeking help keeps growing, as the hot line's educational efforts encourage them to break their silence, she said.

Meir Hovav, the ministry's director of youth and adult correctional services, under whose jurisdiction the hot line falls, insisted the ministry never gave the hot line any money before this year. The money the ministry transferred to the Haifa Municipality was earmarked for the battered women's shelter. "Utruce," responded Ilana Chernobroda, adviser on the status of women to Haifa Mayor Anram Mitzna. "Last year the ministry transferred the money through the city specifically for the hot line." She said she had turned to MK Yael Dayan (Labor) to help restore the ministry's support.

E. Europe survivors deserve big part of Swiss fund - US

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Eastern European survivors, long the forgotten victims of Nazism, should get a "significant amount" of the Swiss Holocaust humanitarian fund, the leading US restitution official said. The United States also believes Germany should offer compensation to these survivors, Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat said Tuesday night in New York. "The [Clinton] administration believes that a significant amount" of the so-called private Swiss fund should be used to aid survivors in Central and Eastern Europe, Eizenstat said at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The Swiss fund, now valued at

285 million Swiss francs, was established earlier this month to compensate "needy" Holocaust survivors. The criteria for need have yet to be established, but relief and reparations officials say that the survivors of Eastern Europe are in the worst straits. They are the victims of what Eizenstat called the "twin tragedy" of having lived under Nazism and communism. They did not qualify for German reparations programs during the Cold War. The Germans feared "the communist governments would siphon off that money and it would never get to survivors," he said. "That was completely understandable, but now we have a situation in which those countries are all viable democracies, and yet there is still no payment," Eizenstat said.

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Bombings rock northern England

By SUE LEEMAN

LONDON (AP) — Twin explosions tore up rail track and damaged important signaling equipment in the northern English town of Wilmslow yesterday morning, hours after a telephone warning from a man claiming to represent the IRA.

Greater Manchester Police said there were no casualties but there was extensive damage and disruption to train service from Scotland to London and throughout northern England. Wilmslow, about 260 km northwest of London, is a major signaling center for trains on the main west coast line from Manchester to London.

Another warning was received about a possible device in the northern England town of Doncaster and the station area was evacuated, said Kevin Groves of Railtrack, which operates the line. Doncaster is 250 km north of London and about 95 km east of Wilmslow.

Late yesterday morning, police and bomb disposal experts were still searching the area around both stations.

The explosions came only a day after Scotland Yard Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon warned of the possibility of IRA attacks timed to coincide with Britain's general election on May 1. Prime Minister John Major

called the explosions "a two-fingered insult to democracy at the start of the general election campaign."

He said he hoped the IRA and its allied Sinn Fein Party were not going to conduct their election campaign at the ballot box in Northern Ireland and with bombs in mainland Britain.

Opposition leader Tony Blair, whose Labor Party is leading in opinion polls, said if the IRA was responsible, it should realize that no British government will be intimidated by "such outrages."

He also warned that the IRA's chances of joining the democratic process "diminished with every bomb and bullet." Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring said IRA bombs exacerbate the difficulties in trying to bring peace to Northern Ireland.

"If these people think they're going to be nearer to a solution by bombs or the threat of bombs, they're living in cloud cuckoo land, a totally illusory world," he told Sky television.

The day after the 1992 election, the IRA planted two bombs in London. One outside the historic Baltic Exchange building killed three people, injured 91 and caused more than \$950 million in damage. The other at Staples Corner in north London caused extensive damage.

In 1993, two young boys were

killed by an IRA bomb in the center of Warrington, near Wilmslow.

Cheshire police said there were two calls from a man using a recognized Irish Republican Army code word warning of bombs. The first call at 5:30 a.m. was made to an elderly woman in Wilmslow who called police warning of a device at the local police station.

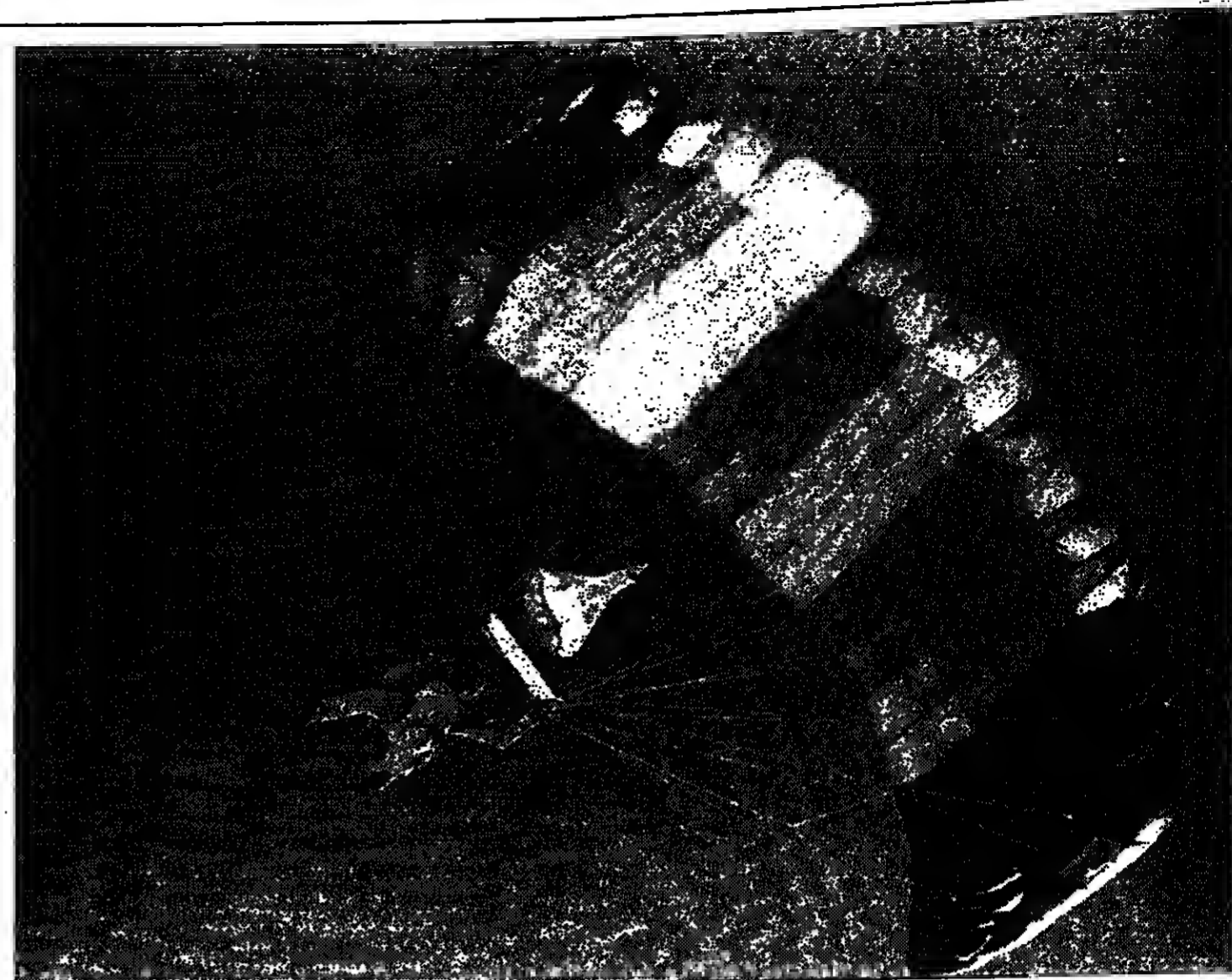
The second was made to a hospital in the Greater Manchester area, warning of a device at the railway station.

The second warning probably averted serious casualties since more than 100 people had been evacuated from an area around the police station to a leisure center across from the police station. They were then moved to a supermarket 1.6 km away.

At 6:30 a.m., an explosion was heard at a signaling box on the railway line, about 350 meters from Wilmslow station, Greater Manchester Police Inspector Leslie Smith said.

"The area was cordoned off, and as officers were doing this, there was a second loud explosion just after 7 a.m. and that was near to the first one," he said.

Evan Morris of the Cheshire fire service said fire fighters helping police at the scene of the first blast "were extremely close to the second device that went off on the track." Police estimated the devices were about 50 meters apart.



Bush is back

Former US president George Bush, 72, makes a parachute jump over the US Army Proving Ground in Yuma, Arizona. (Reuters)

Papua New Guinea premier resigns

PORT MORESBY (AP) — Prime Minister Julius Chan of Papua New Guinea resigned yesterday after an army mutiny, riots and nine days of uproar over a plan to use foreign mercenaries to crush a 9-year-old rebellion.

The defense and finance ministers also agreed to resign while an interim government runs the country until national elections in June.

Chan said he was acting in the interest of the country to defuse an "explosive" situation after protesters and mutinous soldiers blockaded Parliament House, refusing to let lawmakers out.

"I think I have taken the right course ... to preserve peace, to preserve order. This is the right thing to do," Chan told Parliament.

Some 2,000 protesters outside cheered loudly at the news, and both sides of the house gave him an ovation at the end of his address. The protesters let lawmakers leave Parliament after Chan's resignation.

Chan said he would convene the Cabinet within 24 hours to appoint an acting prime minister. He did not indicate who might replace him.

The changes, he said, will ensure public confidence in a government-ordered judicial inquiry into the country's mercenary contract with Sandline International, a British mercenary firm.

Chan said the pressures the mutinous army had put his government under for nine days were "against the principle of a stable, democracy," which is why he resisted demands for his resignation this long.

But Chan defended the restraint shown by the army. Throughout the crisis they stayed in their barracks, except for several dozen who joined Tuesday's protests at Parliament and intimidated lawmakers.

"They put pressure on, but they said they would accept the vote of the Parliament," Chan said of the troops.

Gore holds talks with Chinese leaders

BEIJING (AP) — US Vice President Al Gore said yesterday that two days of talks with China's leaders convinced him Beijing is prepared to do more to open its markets to US goods and is more receptive to candid discussions about human rights.

After a meeting with President Jiang Zemin, Gore said he had raised specific cases in which the United States objected to China's handling of dissidents and political prisoners.

Gore said there were some "strong disagreements" on this subject during his talks here, but that overall "the response was a more receptive response than I have had in previous discussions on this subject."

Gore said he would not offer details of the cases he raised because it was his belief "our prospects for success are

enhanced" by keeping discussions private.

But he said he "did not pull any punches" during talks on human rights and said "we are finding ways to communicate more effectively with China's leaders on this topic." He did not cite any specific promises from his hosts.

Prominent dissidents complained ahead of Gore's arrival that police had increased surveillance of their activities.

The US vice president said he had told Jiang and Premier Li Peng that allegations China illegally funneled money into US elections last year were being investigated by federal law enforcement authorities. "They vigorously denied the allegations," Gore said, but added those allegations alone were no reason to slow the recent warming of relations between the two countries.

South African killers face sentence today

DURBAN (AP) — Twelve men convicted on 18 murder charges in the 1995 Christmas Day massacre in KwaZulu-Natal province will be sentenced today.

A 15-year-old youth also convicted in the murders will be sentenced at a later date, Judge Hilary Squires said yesterday.

Squires said he would need more time to decide on an appropriate sentence for the youth.

The 13 defendants were convicted by Squires of taking part in an attack by an estimated 2,000 armed Inkatha Freedom Party supporters on the rural village of Shobashobane, inhabited by rival African National Congress supporters.

Lawyers for the defendants argued for lenient sentences at a mitigation hearing yesterday, saying the Inkatha supporters were provoked by road blockades, stonings and other acts by the ANC supporters.

State Prosecutor Sandisb Sankar told the court he accepted there had been acts of provocation, but said "other options" were available to the Inkatha supporters.

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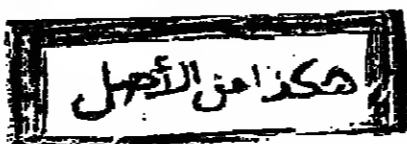
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Fuss-free shopping at department stores

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

A department store by definition caters to a broad clientele, and though its prices may not always be cheaper than those in your local shopping center...

One never feels uncomfortable inspecting clothes in a department store.

There's no over-zealous shop assistant hovering at one's shoulder to prevent possible theft while simultaneously pushing items.

One can try something on without being bulldozed into believing that a garment which is anything but flattering is just perfect for one's needs.

And changing cubicles in department stores are plentiful and private. One doesn't have to be surreptitious about checking prices. Everyone else is doing the same.

Hamashbir Lazarchan, with 22 branches throughout the country, prides itself on giving value for money in the clothing stakes, but not all Hamashbir clothing departments carry exactly the same stock...

It can be quite frustrating not to find in one's local branch something that one has seen in one of the company's larger stores elsewhere.

The best selection is undoubtedly in the company's newly renovated Dizengoff Center outlet where options run the gamut from ultra-casual to ultra-formal, petite to large, and budget-priced to expensive.

But beware. What one sees in Dizengoff Center one does not always see closer to home.

At the recent unveiling of spring/summer fashions for him as well as her, Hamashbir demonstrated that the well-dressed man will have at least one vest and one boxy, collarless jacket in his possession.

If he's not too conservative, he'll also add a pair of plaid pants or Bermudas to what is already hanging in his closet.

Plaids feature strongly in women's fashions as well, as do stripes, fruit motifs, positive/negative graphics and all-over florals.

Fabrics tend to be very light and often sheer, with skirt lengths moving from ankle to mid-thigh, and widths expanding from pencil slim to a comfortable swath.

To anyone over the age of 30, the styles are very déj vu - but then again repetition has characterized the fashions of the '90s, providing only tiny nuances to distinguish them from those of a previous era.

While minimalism seems to be giving way to romance on overseas runways, the trend has not yet made an impact on Hamashbir, where plain and simple is the dominant theme.

Several companies which supply Hamashbir have included the slim, but not tight-fitting, sleeveless dress.



Onyx plaid pants and cropped tee-shirt from Hamashbir.

An "any occasion" garment, it can be teamed with matching and contrasting jackets and juzzed up with jewelry and colorful scarves.

The joy of having so many choices of an almost identical style is that cut and size vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, and one brand's size 38 may be another brand's size 40.

Similarly, skirt lengths may vary from one manufacturer to another, and that difference in length is often the deciding factor in whether or not you'll buy the garment.

TRAVEL

Greek delights

By LORA SCHOCHAT

Sun, sea, clean air, delicious food and gorgeous views. There are a lot of reasons to visit Greece, but for Israelis, there is an added bonus: it's like a home away from home.

Greeks and Israelis share a similar warmth and sense of hospitality, as well as hutzpa. Hagglng is de rigeur in Athens's Plaka flea market, which offers high-end crafts as well as touristy knickknacks, and at the marketplaces in Thessaloniki.

Piraeus, Athens's main port, is also the starting point of an all-day cruise on the tourist boat Hermes, which left from the port at 9 a.m. for a breathtaking tour of three beautiful islands: Aegina, Poros and Hydrous.

Aegina is the largest island of the three, and boasts ancient ruins, a picturesque monastery and loads of pistachio trees. The island also has a small but bountiful fish market, which has many non-touristy taverns and eateries spread throughout it.

Poros and Hydrous are smaller islands, each with quaint shops and cafes. Hydrous's attractions are particularly charming: There are no motor vehicles on the island, only donkeys. Visitors can take a 20-minute donkey ride from the island's edge into its lush green hills studded with white and blue houses to explore a splendor strikingly different from the serene beauty of the sea.



The Hyatt Regency Casino Thessaloniki is Europe's largest and most luxurious.

Thessaloniki will be home to cultural events galore through mid-April, from an exhibit of Caravaggio's paintings to a musical program about the Balkans.

Known as the "Capital of Macedonia," the city boasts ruins from the Byzantine period (a castle and also the White Tower, which is home to one of the largest Byzantine icon collections anywhere) as well as an extensive exhibit at the Archeological Museum, which houses artifacts from ancient northern Greece.

As for nightlife, one of the most exciting places to be is at the Hyatt Regency Casino, Thessaloniki. The largest and most luxurious casino in the whole of Europe, the Hyatt Regency is a gambler's paradise with over 4,000 square meters of

ferent from the serene beauty of the sea. There is also a castle and cannons from the 1700s on the seafloor. These islands are also a fisherman's paradise; local fishermen will take you out on their boats for a few hours for a small fee.

American and European games such as roulette, stud poker and blackjack. It also features first-class restaurants, which offer traditional Greek, Asian and Italian delights.

One of the best denise fish this writer has ever tasted was served at Prasina Trehantria, in Piraeus. The fish was smoked to perfection with a blend of spices and lemon, the flavors of which seeped into the skin.

The appetizer consisted of deep-fried calamari and sardines, as well as fried shrimps which were extremely tender and well-prepared. These appetizers were typical of most of our meals. Chilled fresh fruit was the perfect dessert to match a light, yet satisfying, meal.

For those who wish to experience the color, vibrancy and taste of Greece on their home turf, the Hyatt Regency Jerusalem is kicking off a two-week Greek Festival, beginning next Monday and continuing through April 10.

CAVEAT EMPTOR!

Know your NII accident insurance benefits

By RUTHIE BLUM

The month before Pessah is a time when the accident-prone should be especially cautious. There is nothing quite like heavy-duty cleaning for increasing risk of injury. Moving furniture, shaking out carpets, climbing ladders to reach high cupboards, and hauling vacuum cleaners and palls to and fro are all tasks which have been known to lead to cuts, bruises, sprains, strains and breaks.

While it is commonly known that work-related accidents are covered, you may not be aware that you can receive money if you fall off a ladder at home and break your arm, like one incapacitated friend who ended up having difficulty performing even the most minor tasks for several weeks.

According to the accident insurance law, an "accident" is defined as "a sudden incident in which a person receives bodily injury due to an external factor, and due to which he lost his ability to function."

The criteria for being considered an accident victim who has lost the ability to function are as follows:

- 1. If you are either a salaried employee or self-employed who, as a result of the accident, cannot do your job or any other suitable job.
2. If you are neither salaried nor self-employed but are hospitalized or house-bound as a result of the accident.
3. If you are a housewife who, as a result of the accident, is unable to perform household tasks.
Who is eligible for this benefit? A resident of Israel who had an accident - here or abroad - is eligible for "accident money" for the time he or she is here and unable to function, if, during this time he or she was not working in any job.
If you have an accident, you must be examined by a doctor within 72 hours of the accident.
Failure to do so might mean a loss of your right to the benefit (unless it is subsequently proven that the symptoms of your particular accident only began to appear after the 72-hour period; in this case, you've got to be examined within two weeks of the accident).
The NII pays this benefit for a maximum of 90 days. The amount paid per day is equivalent to that paid to victims of work-related accidents.
For salaried employees, it is 75 percent of your salary (for the quarter of a year prior to the accident), divided by 90.
For the self-employed, it is 75 percent of your earnings (according to which you have paid the NII in the quarter of a year prior to the accident), divided by 90.
For those who were neither salaried

employees nor self-employed at the time of the accident, it is 25 percent of the average wage determined on January 1 preceding the day of the accident, with an addition of the calculated rise in pension payments from January 1 until the date of the accident, divided by 30.

(Anyone who - like me - is mathematically handicapped should not panic about not being able to understand how to calculate any of these sums, but rather should use this as a guideline, before phoning the NII to receive a personalized explanation.)

When does all of this not apply? When you are already receiving money - for the same accident - from another source (provident fund, pension fund, sick days, etc.), or when you are hospitalized irrespective of the accident, and receiving paid care anyway, or if you are in the IDF or in jail.

For further information - which undoubtedly you'll need when trying to decipher fine and not-so-fine print, contact the NII office nearest you. If you are unsure whom to contact about your specific inquiry, first call the public information number: (03) 695-6348.

As an addendum, I would like to point out that the NII also pays money to victims of terrorism. Brochures on this subject can be obtained from the offices of the NII.

You are invited to offer personal stories of goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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TASE ROUNDUP

Investors scared off by political tension. Mishtanim 242.74 ▼ 0.49%. Maof 250.84 ▼ 0.65%.

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investor concern at continuing tensions with the Palestinians about the building of Har Homa. Leading shares down were Koor Industries Ltd., Tadiran Ltd. and Clal Electronics Industries Ltd.

MISHTANIM LEADING 100 TASE ISSUES

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

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PM: Computer will make gov't 'more accessible'

A ministerial committee established to prepare a plan for the government's computerization will make the government more accessible to citizens.

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US COMMODITIES

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Stocks end higher

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The stock market closed modestly higher yesterday on the back of a swift recovery in battered technology stocks, but bank shares were dragged lower one day after the Federal Reserve raised interest rates for the first time in more than two years.

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Holon, Hap. TA win crucial basement battles

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Hapoel Holon and Hapoel Tel Aviv, two teams with years of tradition at the top of Israeli basketball, may be mired in its depths right now, but last night both clubs played like in days of old, scoring important wins to help stave off relegation.

Holon's 75-65 triumph over Bnei Herzliya and Hapoel Tel Aviv's sensational 79-76 victory over Maccabi Ramat Gan brought back memories of both teams' glory days, and sent their rivals closer to the brink of relegation to the Second Division.

Meanwhile, Maccabi Ra'anana moved another step closer to a spot in the Final Four with a convincing 83-67 triumph over Maccabi Rishon LeZion, and Hapoel Galil Elyon continued its own march to the Final Four with a 79-62 road thrashing of Givat Shmuel.

however, and the gritty Tel Aviv club scored the last six points of the game, thanks largely to Mosensohn's stuff of Ramat Gan's Roy Fisher in the final minute, to improve their chances of remaining in the league.

Ramat Gan, on the other hand, suffered another serious blow to its chances, and now must hope to keep pace with Herzliya.

Ra'anana 83, Mac. Rishon 67. Ra'anana again played sound, fundamental ball, and demonstrated why they will likely earn a Final Four berth, one of the few times a newcomer to the league has made it to the Upper Playoffs.

Mark Brisker again led Ra'anana with 27 points, while Rishon's offense again spluttered, relying too much on outside shooting, which was spotty despite Doron Jamchi's trio of three-pointers in the second half that briefly brought Rishon back into the game.



Thrashed fair and square

Ireland's David Lewis hits the ball through the offside as Israel wicketkeeper Paul Smith watches vigilantly and in vain yesterday. Lewis made 28 as the Irish scored the 89 needed for victory for the loss of no wickets in reply to Israel's 88 all out. The Israelis fared much better in their previous match where they batted out their full 50 overs scoring 154 for 8, but nevertheless losing to Kenya by seven wickets. The Israelis have three matches remaining in the ICC Trophy mini world cup tournament being played in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur. They meet Singapore today, the US on Saturday and finish off with a match against Gibraltar on Sunday. The team members have been greeted by protests in predominantly Moslem Malaysia, whose government has welcomed the team despite having no formal relations with Israel.

Yugoslavs beat Israel youth team 3-2

Result gives Israelis good chance of qualification for European Championships

By DEREK FATTAL

Israel's youth team battled both biting cold and a fiercely partisan crowd of 8,000 European Youth Championship first-leg qualifiers against Yugoslavia played in Loznica yesterday. The Israelis ended 3-2 losers in a passionate match full of incident against the highly-fancied Yugoslavs.

Victory on aggregate will take the Israeli team into the finals of the competition set to take place later this year in Iceland. The Israelis opened strongly, and their agility and sheer sense of purpose surprised the Yugoslavs, paving the way for Alon Kaplan to find the net in just the fifth minute.

The Israelis had two good chances to increase their lead, before Yugoslavia's star player Marko Pantalic of Paris St. Germain managed to restore some semblance of order among the hosts by leveling in the 24th minute.

The Yugoslavs continued to press forward and despite some heroic defending by Guy Tsarfati and Amos Sassi, managed to take the lead in the 40th minute, when Pantalic skillfully lobbed the ball into goal. Israel's key player Yossi Benayoun was on hand to supply a

swift riposte by way of an equalizer in injury time before the break. The pace of the game abated during the second half, and the resulting loss of tempo tended to aid the home team's cause. A wise substitution by the Yugoslav coach paid off in the 75th minute when Garanic Amol settled the match in the hosts' favor with a shot from 14 meters. In other soccer news, Israel's national squad held two training sessions yesterday ahead of Monday's World Cup qualifier against Luxembourg.

Spurs, Cavs combine for second-lowest scoring game

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (Reuters) - Baskets were few and far between as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 64-59 in the second-lowest scoring game in modern NBA history on Tuesday. Since the inception of the shot clock in 1954 only one game has featured fewer combined points and that was in 1955 - a 62-57 win by the Boston Celtics over the Milwaukee Hawks.

Johnson scored 10 points apiece for the Spurs, who made just two field goals in the fourth quarter when San Antonio outscored Cleveland 11-10, eclipsing the record low of 23 combined points, set four times. Tyrone Hill, who had two of Cleveland's three fourth-quarter buckets, led the Cavs with 16 points.

San Antonio went nearly eight minutes without scoring in the laughable fourth quarter. But during that time Cleveland could manage only a pair of layups by Hill. The Spurs shot 37 percent (25-for-67) from the field, while Cleveland missed 55 shots, going 25-for-80 - the lowest shooting percentage (31%) ever allowed by the Spurs.

Michael Jordan scored 20 points each as the Bulls edged the Dallas Mavericks 94-92. Dennis Rodman grabbed 21 rebounds for the Bulls, who reached 60 wins. Chicago must go 10-3 in their last 13 games to reach 70 victories for the second successive season. Michael Finley led Dallas, scoring 18 of his 28 points in the first half, which ended in a 52-52 tie. Dallas led 78-71 entering the

fourth quarter, but Chicago went on a 15-2 tear, sparked by a pair of Kerr three-pointers. Rodman sprained a ligament in his left knee in the game and will likely miss the rest of the regular NBA season, a Bulls' spokesman said yesterday. Tuesday's games: Indiana 98, Toronto 84; Orlando 114, Sacramento 102; Atlanta 96, Portland 89; San Antonio 64, Cleveland 59; Houston 112, Minnesota 103; Chicago 94, Dallas 92; Phoenix 117, Milwaukee 112; L.A. Clippers 118, Vancouver 104, OT; Seattle 126, Golden State 89.

FA reject Middlesbrough points appeal

LONDON (Reuters) - The English premier league club Middlesbrough had their appeal against a three-point deduction rejected by the Football Association yesterday.

The premier league had imposed the penalty and fined the club £50,000 after they called off their players 20 away fixtures at Blackburn because of unavailability of players.

Team	W	L	Pts.
Maccabi Tel Aviv	16	0	32
Hapoel Jerusalem	10	8	26
Hapoel Eilat	8	8	26
Maccabi Ra'anana	9	8	26
Hapoel Galil Elyon	8	9	26
Maccabi Rishon	8	9	26
Givat Shmuel	7	11	25
Hapoel Tel Aviv	7	11	25
Mac Ramat Gan	8	12	24
Hapoel Holon	7	10	24
Bnei Herzliya	8	11	23

Europeans battle for Final Four showdown

LONDON (Reuters) - After the long slog of winter, club basketball in Europe gets serious today. It's down to the last eight with some titanic action in store to decide who contends next month's Final Four championship.

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The most difficult period for the team is ending, we have fewer fixtures and we're getting our energy back," said coach Franco Marcellini. "We will have to be committed against a team that maybe lacks great individual talents but that plays a very efficient and physical basketball."

Roy posts 37th career shutout as Avalanche crack 100 points

HARTFORD, Conn. (Reuters) - Patrick Roy faced 46 shots and stopped them all as the Colorado Avalanche blanked the Hartford Whalers 4-0 Tuesday to become the first team in the National Hockey League to crack 100 points.

Roy was especially sharp in the first period when he was tested 23 times, while the Avalanche scored twice on just eight shots on goal. "They came out and played with a great deal of urgency," Colorado coach Marc Crawford said of Hartford's first-period effort. "The Whalers' shutout Colorado 4-0, but lost their sixth straight game."

FIFA widens Bosman transfer rules to cover non-Europeans

ZURICH (AP) - FIFA amended its rules yesterday to allow players of all nationalities to move on free transfers under the Bosman regulations so long as they play in European Union nations. That means stars such as Brazil's Ronaldo, George Weah of Liberia and Colombia's Faustino Asprilla come into line with players born in EU countries. Once they are out of contract, the clubs they move to no longer have to pay a transfer fee.

power to demand huge transfer fees. But it only applied to players born in the 15 EU countries as well as the three affiliated nations - Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein. Now it has been widened to cover players who are not from EU countries. Ronaldo has a long contract with Barcelona although there is speculation that it may be bought out. Asprilla has two more seasons to go with England's Newcastle, and Weah's contract with AC Milan runs through June 1999 so they are a long way off from a Bosman-style transfer. But Nigerian star Nwankwo Kanu moved from Ajax, Amsterdam, to Inter Milan for a \$2 million transfer fee last summer when he was out of contract. Under the amended rule, Ajax wouldn't have received a cent. A new ruling will not affect players moving to or from countries outside the EU bloc. Clubs within the EU who hire players from, for example, Russian or Romanian clubs, will have to pay transfer fees even if they are out of contract.

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Michael Zoratz joins Amos Lavie in the Family Channel's 'The Meter is Running.'

with singer Jenny Tamir, and a quartet on drums, guitar, trombone and bass. The show is called Blue Bag and it's at the Einav Cultural Center in Tel Aviv tonight at 9:30.

POP

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Welsh heartthrob singer Tom Jones will be making local hearts go pitty-pat with a medley of old favorites and new numbers from his latest release...

TELEVISION

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The Meter is Running (Family Channel 10:05) follows the adventures of a Tel Aviv taxi driver, played by Amos Lavie...

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PRIME TIME TV

Table with 8 columns (1-8) and 8 rows (19:30-23:00) listing TV programs and channels.

British artist and his wife, with Isabelle Adjani, Alan Bates and Maggie Smith. Directed by James Ivory, (96 mins.)

22:00 Deltine 22:00 inside PGA Tour 23:30 Gillette World Sport

8:00 Open University - Infinito Form: Street Animals; Nerves; Earth Revealed

8:30 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Women's Basketball - semifinals

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1 Gains honours (11) 9 A person looking round finds these girls left out, sadly (9) 10 7 some are given on certain occasions (5) 11 There's many a ship-wreck caused by accident (6) 12 Jockey talk that's attractive only to the young (8) 13 The mother bird will get wet (6) 15 Party conservatives straightened out (3,5) 18 Exceptionally neatly or fussily? (8) 19 Good fellows left on board (6) 21 An example of the fashionable stand (8) 23 Have a hankering for a penthouse? (4-2) 26 A figure initially thought perfect (5) 27 Plainly embarrassed by a planter—quite a dog! (3,6) 28 Having to tend maers possibly for show (11)

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions.

QUICK CROSSWORD section with clues and solutions.

MOVIES section listing various films and TV shows with their respective channels and times.

Earthquakes rock Israel, Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Two earthquakes rocked the northern and central parts of the country yesterday, as well as parts of Lebanon and Syria.

There were no casualties in Israel and no serious damage was reported, although the tremors were felt from the northern border to south of Tel Aviv and as far inland as Jerusalem.

There were some reports of damage in Lebanon, where the two quakes were felt much more violently.

The first tremor shook the region shortly before 7:30 a.m. and prompted a flood of calls to police and emergency services, as well as the offices of the Seismological Division of the National Infrastructure

Ministry's Geophysical Institute.

Residents from Nahariya to the Galilee Panhandle reported the quake had shaken buildings and rattled furniture.

"My bed shook, the TV in front of the bed shook. At first, I didn't know what it was and then I realized it was an earthquake - that's when I really woke up," Shlomi Cohen, of Petah Tikva, told Army Radio.

A UN officer serving in Lebanon said: "Buildings were shaken in Tyre and especially in Beirut, where there were reports of property damage. Lamps were swinging and objects fell from tables and bookshelves. It was quite strong."

Debris which fell from some buildings damaged cars parked on the streets of Beirut, a city of 1.2 million

people. About 50 structures sustained minor damage in the suburbs of the Lebanese capital, police said.

Parents in their pajamas grabbed their children and rushed from apartment buildings into the streets. Some families in Beirut spent the morning in their cars for fear of going back to their homes. Others headed east to mountain regions away from coastal areas in anticipation of aftershocks.

"I was awakened by the shaking of my bed and the noise of breaking glass," said 45-year-old housewife Majida Hajj in a southern Beirut suburb.

Carmen Barake, another housewife at Mansourieh, a hilltop suburb east of Beirut, said: "The building danced and swayed with us." She said objects in her fifth-floor apartment were tossed off shelves and tables

"like ping pong balls."

Dr. Rami Hofstetter, of the Seismological Division, said the first quake was centered off the coast of Tripoli, and measured 5.6 on the Richter scale.

"It was a moderate earthquake, not a major one, which happens from time to time in this region, so it was not a big surprise."

The second tremor, a strong aftershock, occurred around 4:30 p.m. It was centered closer to Beirut and measured 5 on the Richter scale. It lasted for several minutes and was also felt as far south as the center of the country, again without causing injury or damage.

Hofstetter noted that Israel is part of an area that is susceptible to earthquakes, being near the Syria-Africa rift.

WEATHER

Malta	10-22
Tiberias	10-22
Afula	11-27
Sameria	9-21
Tel Aviv	12-28
Jerusalem	7-18
Bersheba	11-28
Dead Sea	12-22
Eilat	

Forecast: Rise in temperatures.



Labor Party leader Shimon Peres waves as he leaves Bangkok's Government House yesterday. Peres told an economic conference that Jewish settlements in the territories are an obstacle to the peace process. (Reuters)

PM to ministers: Your jobs are safe

By SARAH HONG and news agencies

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had to soothe a number of ministers' anxieties yesterday, in an effort to refute a press report that they are about to lose their portfolios in order to facilitate Labor's entry into the coalition.

But a meeting with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai had to be postponed and will probably only take place tomorrow, due to the crowded schedules of both Netanyahu and Mordechai, who is reported to have taken the greatest umbrage by the suggestion he may lose his job.

According to a report in Yediot Aharanot Tuesday, Netanyahu and Labor Party leader Shimon Peres already have agreed that Mordechai's portfolio would go to Labor's Ehud Barak.

Both Netanyahu and Peres have categorically denied agreeing to the establishment of a national unity government and that they already had mapped out the portfolio redistribution.

However, Peres expressed readiness yesterday to form a new government if the current coalition falls over its failure to revive the peace process with the Palestinians.

Meridor said, "If a national unity government were a viable option, then my portfolio would not be the obstacle which would prevent its formation."

Livnat said, "The chances that such a broad coalition with Labor would ever become a reality are quite low. Rather than speculate about portfolios, the questions which should be asked are what the basis for creating such a government is, especially if we can reach common ground on policy guidelines."

Matza said Netanyahu had told him in their meeting that the talk about "the national unity government being in the works is gibberish. No such decision had been taken and he said I can continue in my office without any worry."

AROUND THE WORLD

LOW	HIGH	COND.	WIND		
Amsterdam	55	41	13	55	clear
Berlin	55	41	13	81	clear
Buenos Aires	55	25	25	77	clear
Caracas	55	25	25	77	clear
Chicago	55	25	25	77	clear
Copenhagen	55	25	25	77	clear
Frankfurt	55	25	25	77	clear
Geneva	55	25	25	77	clear
Hong Kong	55	25	25	77	clear
Jakarta	55	25	25	77	clear
London	55	25	25	77	clear
Los Angeles	55	25	25	77	clear
Madrid	55	25	25	77	clear
Moscow	55	25	25	77	clear
New York	55	25	25	77	clear
Paris	55	25	25	77	clear
Rome	55	25	25	77	clear
Sydney	55	25	25	77	clear
Tokyo	55	25	25	77	clear
Warsaw	55	25	25	77	clear
Zurich	55	25	25	77	clear

Plan for non-Orthodox religious councils defeated

By LIAT COLLINS

A bill proposing the establishment of separate religious councils to serve the non-Orthodox was defeated yesterday in a preliminary reading by a vote of 34 to 12.

The bill, submitted by MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) was intended to complement another bill of his that passed a preliminary reading two

months ago, which would allow only Orthodox Jews to sit on the current religious councils.

The idea behind the two bills was to allow Jewish residents to choose which council best suits their religious needs. "The Orthodox and the Reform do not agree with one another and there is no point in trying to force the Orthodox to come to terms with the Reform stream [on the same council]," Yehezkel said.

He said the bills were an attempt to preserve the principles of equality and religious freedom, while not harming anybody's rights.

When his earlier bill passed preliminary reading, Yehezkel suffered a barrage of criticism from his party colleagues. "But not one of them proposed a real solution to the problems of the different streams of Judaism," Yehezkel said.

"If there is to be a new coalition with new guiding lights, I would do my best to support it and perhaps be a part of it," Peres said in a speech at a forum of 120 global business executives in Bangkok.

Peres and Netanyahu's denials did not entirely still the political rumor mill, a fact which forced Netanyahu to make the rounds of the ministers mentioned as likely to lose their posts.

Netanyahu yesterday strove to allay the anxieties of Finance Minister Dan Meridor, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi.

The finance portfolio reportedly is to go to Peres.

Leah Rabin: Yitzhak saw Barak as successor

The late Yitzhak Rabin definitely saw Labor Party leadership candidate MK Ehud Barak as his successor, Leah Rabin said yesterday, in remarks that angered the other leadership candidates.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Rabin insisted her late husband "saw Ehud Barak as his successor. If for any reason he had been unable to continue in office, he would have seen Barak as his political heir. He saw him as a very promising person, and now that he is no longer here, I hope that Barak will lead Labor to victory in the next elections." She added she would do all she can to insure Barak's victory in the party leadership race.

Barak, not surprisingly, was pleased. "I see myself as Yitzhak's successor in every aspect," he said. "I appreciate and respect Leah, who was the closest person to Yitzhak, and ought to know better than all others what his opinions were."

But MK Yossi Beilin, also running for Labor's top slot, reminded Barak yesterday just "how furious Rabin was with him, when Barak - contrary to the Rabin line - voted against Oslo 2. Rabin had the harshest of words for Barak then and what he said hardly supports the version we now hear from Leah Rabin."

"As a citizen, she is of course entitled to her opinion, but Yitzhak Rabin's words can be interpreted otherwise."

Another contestant for the Labor leadership, MK Ephraim Sneh, said that he "was always a follower of Yitzhak Rabin and Rabin considered me a person who carries out his policies and follows in his footsteps. I seriously doubt if anyone today can speak in his name or on his behalf."

Sarah Hong

Netanyahu scolds MKs on vote failures

By LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu called representatives of the coalition into his Knesset office yesterday to scold them after they lost a series of plenum votes on the preliminary reading of bills to the government opposers. Coalition chairman Michael Eitan, who usually acts as the whip in charge of mustering MKs to vote, was absent.

MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) took exception to the parliamentary equivalent of being called into the

principal's office, saying: "It's like a rabbi shouting at his community. 'Why is there never a minyan here? And they tell him: 'Why are you shouting at us? Shout at the ones who aren't here.'"

Among the bills which passed preliminary reading despite lack of government support were:

- An amendment to the security forces bill, which would allow a soldier demobilized because of poor health to continue to receive free medical treatment. The bill, presented by MK Ori Orr (Labor), was passed by 31 votes.

- A bill proposed by MK Anat Maor (Meretz) and MK Tamar Gozansky (Labor) which would give national insurance benefits for women unable to work during pregnancy passed by 31 votes.
- A bill increasing pensions for employees who have worked at least 10 years in the public sector and are above the age of 40.
- An amendment to the Bezek Law on billing phone calls according to the exact length of time, proposed by Silvan Shalom (Likud), which passed by 21 votes. Communications Minister Limor

- Livnat and Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan voted against.

A coalition bill concerning the rights of terminally ill Chernobyl victims, proposed by coalition MKs Michael Nudelman and Yori Stern (both Yisrael Ba'aliya), was defeated, but the same bill presented by two Labor MKs - Sofia Landver and Yossi Katz - passed. Labor faction chairman Ra'anana Cohen, clearly pleased with a coalition like this, who needs an opposition?"

Labor, Meretz file no-confidence motions over security situation

By LIAT COLLINS

Both Labor and Meretz have filed motions of no-confidence in the prime minister over the security situation following last week's Tel Aviv cafe bombing. The motions are expected to come up in the plenum on Monday.

Meretz faction chairman Haim Oron explained the motion saying: "The government of a country whose citizens are scared to go out and can't sit in cafes has no right to exist." Labor faction chairman Ra'anana Cohen stressed the deterioration in relations between the government and the Palestinian Authority, which he said have reached "crisis point" because of the government's malfunctioning.

He said the prime minister is causing the international isolation of Israel while strengthening PA Chairman Yasser Arafat in the eyes of the world.

The Tel Aviv bombing was discussed in the Knesset plenum yesterday. No minister was present to respond to the 10 motions to the

agenda on the subject.

Molodet leader Rehavim Ze'evi made a motion calling for Tzurif, the suicide bomber's village, to be destroyed in response to the fatal attack in Tel Aviv.

He also called on the government to end the cooperation with the Palestinian security forces and for an "all-out war on terror and the intifada." He said Rachel's Tomb should be annexed to Jerusalem to ensure the safety of the Jews who visit it.

MK Ori Orr (Labor) attacked the prime minister for what he said was revealing intelligence information for political purposes in open meetings with the press. He called for greater cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian security forces to prevent terror attacks.

MK Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism) has complained of Shabbat desecration by the Tel Aviv Municipality in the renovations works to the bombed cafe. The renovations could have waited another day, he said.

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